Gracey Curettes

Standard Gracey Curette
The Gracey curettes combine a unique offset blade with 9 different shank designs to be used on specific tooth surfaces, thus improving adaptation and deposit removal. Also referred to as Finishing Gracey Curettes.

Rigid and Extra Rigid Gracey Curette
- All designs available with wider taper - increased shank rigidity
- The rigid and extra rigid shank are preferred for heavier calculus removal.
- Although the shank is wider, the blade width is the same as a standard Gracey.

After Five Gracey Curette
- Designed for instrumentation in deeper periodontal pockets.
- Elongated terminal shank (3mm) provides better clearance around crowns, and superior access to root contours and pockets 5mm or more in depth.
- Thinner blade permits easier subgingival insertion.
Mini Five Gracey Curette

- Designed with the same elongated terminal shank (3mm) and thinned blades as the After Five Gracey Curettes.
- 50% shorter blade for access to smaller roots, narrow pockets, furcations, and developmental grooves.

NEW!
Micro Mini Five Gracey Curette

With ultra slender blades and increased shank rigidity, the Micro Mini Five Gracey Curettes will enable clinicians to precisely debride root and tooth surfaces free of all deposits, even in the deepest and most challenging periodontal pockets.

GRACEY INSTRUMENTATION

The blade of a Gracey curette is correctly adapted when the lower cutting edge is against the tooth, and the terminal shank is parallel to the tooth surface being scaled. Apply lateral pressure against the tooth (root) and pull upward, maintaining the parallel shank.

- The blade is offset from the shank at 70°. This creates one cutting edge which is referred to as the lower edge.
- Gracey curettes are used in a set to completely scale the dentition.
The Hu-Friedy Sidekick sharpener is designed for routine maintenance sharpening of scalers and curettes. In addition to the Sidekick sharpener, a wide range of manual sharpening stones are also available.
Universal Curettes

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Universal curettes are designed for moderate calculus removal on supragingival and subgingival tooth surfaces. The blade of a universal curette has a round toe and back, and two cutting edges for scaling, making it an efficient design for scaling the entire mouth. Universal curettes are also available with rigid shanks in select patterns for moderate to heavy calculus removal.

![Image of universal curette]

Posterior Universal Instrumentation Sequence

Begin at the distal line angle of the most posterior tooth. Direct the toe of the blade toward the distal with the terminal shank angled slightly toward the tooth. Apply strokes from the line angle to the contact area. Next, turn the toe toward the mesial to scale the buccal and mesial surfaces. Continue this sequence to complete the posterior region. Switch ends and repeat from the lingual aspect.

Anterior Universal Instrumentation Sequence

To scale the facial surfaces, place the toe of the blade toward the proximal surface with the handle parallel to the tooth. Apply strokes to remove deposits from the centerline of the tooth to the proximal surface. Work from canine to canine. Switch working ends and repeat for surfaces away from you. Repeat all of the above for the lingual surfaces.

Universal Curette Instrumentation

The correct working end for scaling is evident when the toe is directed interproximally and the terminal shank is parallel to the tooth. To remove deposits, the cutting edge is applied to the tooth surface and the facial surface of the blade is tilted toward the tooth to achieve an approximate 85° angle between the tooth and blade. Apply lateral pressure against the tooth and pull upward while maintaining contact with the tooth.

When choosing instruments, consider your goals and outcomes.

Pocket depth, tooth anatomy and calculus characteristics will determine the optimal choice of shank rigidity, blade length, blade thickness, shank length and bend geometry. Considering these features in instrument selection will help to work smarter, not harder! Join Friends of Hu-Friedy (friendsofhufriedy.com) to learn more about these products and other valuable opportunities.
Sickle Scalers

Sickle Scalers
- Sickle scalers are designed for moderate to heavy deposit removal.
- Specific Sickle scalers are available for anterior or posterior applications.
- They are mainly used to remove supragingival calculus or calculus which is located just below the gingiva.

Sickle Scaler Instrumentation
To remove calculus, adapt the tip 1/3 of the cutting edge against the tooth, under the deposit. Tilt the facial surface of the blade toward the tooth to achieve an approximate 85° angle between the tooth and the blade. Apply lateral pressure against the tooth and pull the scaler firmly upward to dislodge the deposit. Both sides (cutting edges) of the blade can be used for mesial or distal, facial or lingual application. The instrumentation sequence is the same as for universal curettes, using anterior and posterior designs.
